MINUTES OF THE

Thirty-Third . Annual . Session

OF THE

The Warrior River Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Brooksville Baptist Church, Blonnt County, Alabama,

October 16th, 17th and 18th, 1891.

OFFICERS.

ELD. W. M. COLE, M. D., - MODERATOR, - Blountsville, Ala.
P. G. ALLDREDGE, M. D., - CLERK, - - Brooksville Ala.
ELD. ROBERT JONES, - - TREASURER, - Blountsville, Ala.

The next Session will be held with Blountsville Baptist Church, Tuesday before Third Sunday in October, 1892.

CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

A. F. WHITLEY, Walnut Grove, Ala.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1st. Reading letters frum the churches.
2nd. Invite visiting Ministers and Brethren to seats.
3rd. Election of Officers.
4th. Call for Petitionary letters.
5th. Call for Correspondents.
6th. Appoint Committees.
7th. Appoint Correspondents.
8th. Reports of Standing Committees and Missionary.
9th. Miscellaneous Business.
10th. Elect Standing Committees.
11th. Provide for Printing and Distribution of Minutes.
12th. Call the roll and read minutes.
13th. Adjournment.

The Warrior River Baptist Association

convened its THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION with the Brooksville Baptist Church, Brooksville, Ala., OCTOBER 16TH, 1891. Elder A. Dorman, Moderator, and P. G. Alldredge, Clerk. Introductory sermon by Elder G. B. Carnes.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1 P. M.—The body was called to order by the moderator, Elder A. Dorman, who offered prayer. Letters from the churches were then read by Elders W. M. Cole, M. D., Rob't Jones, and Prof. J. A. Liner, and the following churches, together with their messengers, were then enrolled:

ANTIOCH—Reuben Wright, J. W. Pate, J. D. Hendricks, J. N. Smith, and R. V. Alldredge.

AUSTIN CREEK—E. K. Head and Eld. E. M. Bowerman.

BETHEL—Elders Jesse Brown and H. G. B. Bynum and James Holmes.

BIG WARRIOR—R. H. Harding and Joel Marsh.

BLOUNTSVILLE—Dr. W. M. Cole, Rev. H. W. Head, I. T. Stephens, J. C. Hyatt and Eld. Rob't Jones.

BROOKSVILLE—Jno. Jones, D. P. Coley, and Dr. P. G. Alldredge.

FRIENSHIP—C. S. Plunket, A. T. Smith, and W. A. Carroll.

HARMONY—W. L. Ellison and A. F. Whitney.

HOLLY POND—Jeff. Hazlewood, F. G. Morris and Lon. Watts.

LIBERTY—Eld. G. B. Carnes, P. B. Mitchell, Joseph Cornelius and J. A. Hitt.

Liberty Hill—D. H. Campbell, R. N. Bales, S. A. Chambers, and Eld. W. J. Chambers.

MACEDONIA—Eld. A. Dorman, Y. B. Rhodes, A. B. Roberts, and Thos. Burgett.

MT. CARMEL—E. Bishop and W. R. Jordan.

MT. PISGAH—W. A. Alexander, W. J. Harris, J. W. Moody and J. B. Alexander.

MT. TABOR—Joshua Ratliff.

MT. PLEASANT—John Green.

MULBERRY—F. M. Abshur.

NEW PROSPECT—Joe Johnston, Henry Wilson, and R. A. Allson.

PINE BLUFF—No representation.

PINE GROVE—Eld. J. W. Crumley, J. M. Pass, and J. W Roberts.

SARDIS—T. J. Brascale.

WARRIOR CREEK—R. S. Richardson.

The election of officers was then ordered which resulted in the choice of Eld. W. M. Cole, M. D., for Moderator, Dr. P. G. Alldredge for Clerk, and Eld. Rob't Jones for Treasurer.

ENROLLED CORRESPONDENTS—as follows: Eld. J. M. Waller, Representative of State Board; Rev. A. A. Hutto, Coosa River Association. Elder H. C. Reed, Marshall Association; B. Earle, J. L. Patterson, Elder P. M. Musgrove and J. C. Brown, Esq., from Cullman Association; Elders W. Y. Adams, and J. A. May, from Etowah Association.

Petitionary churches were received as follows. The modera-

tor, on behalf of the body, then extended the right hand of fellowship to the messengers of the several churches, viz.

ONEONTO—T. H. Dickson, A. J. Griffin, and Rob't Steele.
GUINNS COVE—I. F. Musgrove.

APPOINTED COMMITTEES AS FOLLOWS.

On Devotion—Jno. Jones, R. Steele and A. F. Whitley.

On Deceased Ministers—Elders A. Dorman, H. W. Head, and W. J. Chambers.

On Sabbath Schools—Elder Rob't Jones, Rufus Alldredge, and S. M. Lowry.

On Nominations—W. L. Ellison, Dr. P. G. Alldredge, and I. T. Stephens.

On Missions—Eld. Jesse Brown, D. P. Coley, and J. Ratliff.

On Temperance—Elds. G. B. Garnes, H. G. B. Bynum, and E. K. Head.

On Education—Elds. A. Dorman, P. B. Mitchell, and Rev. H. W. Head.

On Ministerial Education—Elds. Rob't Jones, J. W. Crumley, and Rob't Steele.

On Finance—A. F. Whitley, W. L. Ellison, and A. B. Roberts.

By motion, added a committee on *Prayer Meetings*, as follows, viz: Eld. E. Bowerman, A. J. Griffin, and J. B. Alexander.

A motiod prevailed that any member of this Association, visiting a Sister Association, be recognized as a correspondent to that body.

Appointed correspondents to Sister Associations, as follows, viz: Etowah, A. F. Whitley, I. T. Stephens, Rob't Steele, and P. G. Mitchell. Cullman—Joshua Ratliff and W. J. Chambers; Marshall—Eld. Jesse Brown, Y. B. Rhodes, and C. S. Plunkett; Sulphur Springs—Eld. Rob't Jones and J. M. Pass.

Elected Dr. W. M. Cole to represent this body in the next meeting of the *Southern Baptist Convention*, which meets in Atlanta, Georgia, on Friday, before the second Sunday in May, 1892; also elected Prof. Rob't Jones as alternate. A motion carried "That this Association defray the necessary expenses of the delegate." The moderator then appointed the clerks of the various churhhes in this Union to collect the above money.

Brother John D. Hendricks was then appointed as a representative of this body to the next meeting of the *Alabama Baptist State Convention*, which meets in Eufaula, Alabama, on November the 5th, next. Adjourned to half past eight o'clock, to-morrow, a. m.

OCTOBER THE 17TH.

Association met pursuant to adjournment, and while calling the roll, the question arose as to whether the messengers present had the right to substitute a brother who had not been chosen by his church for one that had been chosen but was not present. The moderator ruled that they had the right. An appeal was taken from the chair and the body refused by a large majority, to sustain the decision. The report on Deceased Ministers was then read and adopted, as follows.

DEAR BRETHREN—Another year has passed since a similar report was made to this body by a committee on Deceased Ministers. We find that God, in his goodness and mercy, has not visited the ranks of our ministry

with death; we humbly thank him for sparing them, that they may go on telling the world of JESUS. Brethren of the ministry, let us be more faithful, preach more, work more in the vineyard of our Lord; for the night cometh when no man can work. Respectfully submitted,

ELD. A. DORMAN, *Chairman.*

A special service of thanks was then rendered to God.

Suspended the regular order of business and enrolled Elder G. S. Sloan, as correspondent from Sulphur Springs Asssociation. Report on Sunday schools was read and adopted as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Sabbath schools, will say, that by reference to the letters from the various churches in this union, there are only three that have Sabbath schools; just think of it! twenty-five churches represented in this body and only three Sunday schools!! Possibly there may be more; but we are sorry you do not recognize this grand work to be of more importance in reporting the work of the church. Surely, the Sabbath school is the majn auxiliary of the church, and should go hand in hand in the salvation of the world and the elevation of humanity. Oh, Lord! May our churches awake to a more earnest endeavor in this all-important work, and may the time soon come when every church will be blessed with a flourishing Sabbath school.

PROF. ROE'T JONES, *Chairman.*

Pending the discussion on the above report a motion prevailed to postpone the further consideration of the subject until to-morrow morn (Sunday) at 9 o'clock.

Report on Temperance read and adopted as follows:

WE, your committee on temperence, beg leave to report that temperance means the moderate use of all things that are necessary for our health or happiness, and a total abstinence from all things that are otherwise: we are glad to report that all employers are looking for sober and industrious men to fill every place of responsibility, yet there are some in the church who argue that there is no harm in drinking moderateiy. Brethren, let us rescue them by all means in our power. Let the church teach the danger of moderate drinking as the surest road to drunkenness on down the steps of crime. It is an easy matter to trace the cause of nine tenths of the crimes committed in the country to ardent spirits. The trials of which impose a more burdensome tax than any other on people created for the special purpose of God's own glory. Besides, we have, as another result of such a habit, broken hearts, widows and orphans, and needy families by the score. Brethren, all is not yet accomplished. Let us not tire until we blot out the curse or drive it out of reach of our children and neighbors.

ELD. G. B. CARNES, *Chairman.*

Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Report on Missions read and received and pending the discussion the body adjourned to meet again at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment and resumed consideration of the report on Missions. Report adopted as follows:

WE your committee on Missions beg leave to report: That judging from the reading of the letters from the various churches, there has been but little csntributed for this purpose. we are sorry to see such little interest taken in the mission cause; we are informed by some of the letters that the executive committee has made a small change in the manner of supplying the destitution in our bounds, whlch change we recommend; we long to see the day when the spirit of missions will be awakened in our churches. For which let us as Baptists come up to the help of the Lord.

ELD. JESSE BROWN, *Chairman.*

Resolution A adopted as follows: Resolved: That we accept the proposition of the State Board to duplicate our contribution for mission purposes in our own bounds and endeavor to raise at least $200, pro-rated among the different churches accordrng to their numerical strength.

Adopted report on nominations ss follows: We, your committee on nominations, beg leave to report: That we have carefully considered the subject referred to us, and have decided to recommend you to meet at Blountsville, Tuesday before the 3d Sunday in October next. We also recommend Dr. Cole to preach the next Introductory, and Eld. A. Dorman to preach the next Missionary Sermon. W. L. Ellison, *Chairman.*

Report on Education adopted as follows:

Your committee on Education take pleasure in reporting that the general outlook is brighter than formerly. Our people are becoming interfsted as never before on this subject. They are beginning to realize the necessity of competing with other denominations on this line. Yet this is only the dawning of the great educational day in this country; we hope in the near future to see it rise to the zenith of its glory. We recommend Blount College as an institution of superior advantages, and with this we also present the claims of Walnut Grove College as an itstitution of merit, and for higher education we recommend Howard College for youug men and the Judson Institute for young ladies.

Eld. A. Dorman, *Chairman.*

Adopted report on Ministerial Education as follows:

Dear Brethren: In our report on Ministerial Education we are at a loss to know how to begin. Recommendation after recommendatian has been made and promise after promise by the churches has been made, but it seems that all those have been failures. Last year the Association agreed to raise $175 for this purpose; not more than $35 of this amount has been raised. Sureley we must confess that we have fallen far short of our duty. We have several worthy young men preparing for the ministry who need help; the question for us to now answer is, will we do it? may the Lord help us for Crirt's sake.

Eld. Rob't Jones, *Chairman.*

A collection was then taken up for the above purpose which amounted to $16 in cash, and $47.25 in pledges. Adopted report of committe on finance as follows:

We, your committee on finance, wish to repors that we have received the sum of $59 95 from the various churches for the for the following purposes and divided as below:

For Minutes, - - - - -	$27 20
For State Missons, - - - -	24 25
For Foreign Missions, - - - -	8 50
Total,	===$59.95

Following is a list of churches and their contributions for missions, minutes, etc.

	Minutes.	State Mission.	Foreign Mission.				
Austin Creek,	$2 15	$3 25		Macedonia,	$2 00	$1 00	$1 00
Antioch,	1 05	1 00	$2 35	Mt. Carmel,	1 25		
Bethel,	1 00			Mt. Pleasant,	1 00	2 00	
Big Warrior,	15			Mt. Pisga,	1 00	2 75	
Blountsville,	1 00			Mt. Tabor,	1 60		
Brooksville,	1 30	2 35		New Prospect,	60		
Friendship,	1 40			Oneonto,	1 00		
Guinns Cove,	50			Pine Grove,	1 00	1 80	

Harmony,	1 60	5 60		Sardis	50	50	
Liberty,	2 50	5 00		Warrior Creek,	60		1 50
Liberty Hill,	1 35		2 30	Holly Pond,	2 00		
Mulberry,	1 00						

Respectfully,

A. F. Whitley. *Chairman.*

Adopted report of treasurer, as follows:

J. N. Smith in account with Warrior River Association:

To balance on hand last, - - - - -		$39.05
To collections on Sunday at last Association, - -		5.75
To cash paid by I. T. Stephens, - - - -		8.13
To cash paid on Ministerial Educational Fund, - -		3.50
To cash paid by E. K. Head for H. W. Head, - -		1.50
To cash paid by Jno. Jones on pledge, - - -		1.00
Total received,		$58.93
Disbursements—By cash paid to H. W. Head, - -		$26.30
By cash paid W. B. Crumpton for F. M's, -		15.00
Cash Balance, - $17.63	Total,	$41.30
Due on Pledges, unpaid, 3.25		

On motion was divided equally between Brethren May and Head. Adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY (Sunday.)

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. Grumley. Report of special commitiee on Prayer meetings adopted as follows: Your committee on Prayer meetings beg leave to report, That Prayermeetings are too much neglected by our churches. We reccommend that all our churches keep up a regular Prayer meeting. As prayer and supplication in the name of Christ is the only medium through which we can approach a throne of grace and bring the blessings of that God upon us, who says: "Ask and ye shall receive." Then brethren, let us not forget to pray.

Eld. E. Bowerman, *Chairman.*

Adopted report of executive committee as follows: We, your executive committee, beg leave to report as follows: We met and organized at Antioch church by electing Bro. A. F. Whitley chairman, and I. T. Stephens secretary. On motion we directed the treasurer to pay over the money belonging to the Home and Foreign Missian funds to their respective Boards, and the Ministerial Education fund to bro. H. W. Head, and adjourned to meet again at Bloutsville on the 1st Saturday in April, which we did, and appointed Eld. E. M. Bowerman to preach two days in each month to the church at Big Warrior at a salary of $1 per diem. We also appointed Eld. W. J. Chambers to preah two days in each month in Gwinns Cove at a salary of $1 per diem, and Eld. Jesse Brown to preach one day in each month at Cleveland and Pochahontas at the same salary. We earnestly recommend that the Association raise sufficient funds to continue the work begun at these points and others in our bounds. Cleveland is an important and promising point for good mission work. We append Elds. Bowerman and Chambers' reports, and ask that they be made a part of our report and adopted as such.

Report of Eld. Chambers:

Days of service rendered, 11—$11.00
Sermons preached, 13. Baptised, 1.
Received by letter, 1.

Money received from Liberty Hill church, $5. Balance due, $6.

Eld. Bowerman's Report:

Days of service rendered, 14—$14.00 } Money received from Austin's Creek
Sermons preached, 14. Baptised, 1. } church, $6.70. Balance due, $7.30.
Which we direct thd treasurer to pay.

A. F. WHITLEY, *Chairman.*

By motion a letter of dismission was granted to Warrior Creek church. Passed resolution B—Authoizing the clerk of the Association to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churehes according to their several fcr the same, and retain $10 for his services.

Passed resolution C Of thanks to the Brooksville Baptist church and neighborhood for kindcess and hospitality shcwn us during our stay among them.

Adjourned for preaching the missionary sermon by Bro. Waller, State Evangelist and Assistant Secfetary of State Mission Board, after which a collection was taken up for Home and Foreign Missions, which amounted to $13.25, which was paid over to Bro. Waller as the representative of State Board, the clerk taking his receipt

The Minutes were then read and approved and the body adjourned.

ELD. W. M. COLE, M. D., Moderator.

P. G. ALLDREDGE, M. D., Clerk.

P. S. There is not enough money to pay for printing the Articles of Faith. *P. G. A.*

STATISTICS OF WARRIOR RIVER ASSOCIATION, 1891.

Church.	County.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Clerk's Postoffice.	No. ord. min.	No. lic. min.	Membership last Report.	Increase: baptism.	Increase: Letter.	Increase: Experience.	Increase: Restoration.	Decrease: Letter.	Decrease: Exclusion.	Decrease: Death.	Present membership.	Preaching Sabbaths.
ANTIOCH,	Blount,	J. A. May,	S. A. Burnett,	Liberty,		2	112	11	10	2				4	131	3d
AUSTIN CREEK,	"	G. B. Carnes,	Albert Head,	Joy,	2		109	1	1	1					112	1st
BETHEL,	"	Jesse Brown,	R. Beshears,	Snead,	2		39	1	1			2	1		40	1st
BIG WARRIOR,	"	E. Bowerman,	R. H. Hardin,	Tidmore,			13	1							14	3d
BLOUNTSVILLE,	"	W. Y. Adams,	I. T. Stephecs,	Blountsville,	3		52	4	8			6			58	2d
BROOKSVILLE,	"	Rob't Jones,	P. G. Alldredge,	Brooksville,		1	32					2			30	4h
FRIENSHIP,	Marshall,	D. P. Carr,	S. C. Plunkett,	Friendship,			69	6	2	1		4	3	2	66	3d
GUINNS COVE,	Blount,	none.	J. F. Musgrove,	Bangor,			10	1	1			1			11	1st
HARMONY,	"	J. A. May,	W. L. Ellison,	Walnut Grove,			97	13	7	2		11		3	105	1st
HOLLY POND,	Cullman,	W. J. Chambers,	L. Watts,	Holly Pond,		9	74	10	9			5	1	3	84	3d
LIBERTY,	Blount,	J. A. May,	T. B. Ingraham,	Cneonto,	1		[illegible]	31	10		2	36	3	1	126	1st
Liberty Hill,	"	E. Bowerman,	E. M. Cox,	Royal,	1		87	1			2		2		78	2d
MACEDONIA,	"	A. Dorman,	A. J. McClarty,	McClarty,	1		73	8	9			3		2	85	2d
MT. CARMEL,	"	J. C. Buckner,	I. T. Blaiock,	Murphree's Val.,			62	6				1		3	64	
MT. PLEASANT,	"	"	Jno. W. Green,	Clarence,			41	2	4			1			45	1st
MT. PISGAH,	Etowah,	J. W. Crumley,	Jno. Nix,	Nix,	1		43	4	1	1		7			41	3d
MT. TABOR,	Blount,	E. Bowerman,	J. Ratliff.	Gum Springs,			93					3			90	4h
MULBERRY,	Cullman,	W. H. Abshur,	E. P. Dodd,	"			21	6	5				1		31	3d
NEW PROSPECT,	Blount,	H. G. B. Bynum,	S. C. Voilson,	Brooksville,			41	1				2	2		38	2d
ONEONTO,	"	J. A. May,	J. F. Morris,	Onconio,	1	1	44		3						47	4h
PINE GROVE,	"	J. C. Buckner,	Geo. P. Kelley,	"	1		27	1	3						31	4h
SARDIS,	Etowah,	J. J. Clayton,	T. J. Braseale,	Boaz,			28					3	3		22	4h
WARRIOR,	Cullman,	J. A. Oden,	R. S. Richardson,	Strawberry,			22	1	3			5	3	3	26	
Pine Bluff, not represented.				Total,	13	6	1332	109	67	2	9	92	19	21	1378	

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—
Blountsville, E. G. Musgrove, Supt.; teachers, 9; pupils, 72
Oneonto, R. Steele, Supt.; pupils, 85
Total, 157

PRAYER MEETINGS—
Liberty, Macedonia.

REVIVALS REPORTED—
Antioch, Macedonia.

Names of churches organized during year—
Guinns Cove, Oneonto.

Warrior Creek church dismissed to Marshall Association.